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PATRICIA APY HAS SINCE 1996 BEEN A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM OF PARAS, APY, & REISS, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION SPECIALIZING IN THE PRACTICE OF FAMILY LAW. MS APY'S AREA OF EXPERTISE IS IN COMPLEX FAMILY LITIGATION, PARTICULARLY INTERNATIONAL AND INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY LITIGATION.

MS APY HAS LITIGATED, BEEN QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS AND CONSULTED ON INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DISPUTES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING LOCATIONS AS DIVERSE AS THE UNITED KINGDOM, BRAZIL, ITALY, ISRAEL, AUSTRALIA, PAKISTAN, SOUTH AFRICA, EGYPT AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. MS. APY FREQUENTLY CONSULTS AND IS REGULARLY QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT AND SPEAKS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ON FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN "NON- HAGUE" COUNTRIES AND RISK FACTORS FOR CHILD ABDUCTION. SHE ALSO HAS CONDUCTED OVER 600 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION HOURS FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF ALL OF THE ARMED SERVICES AT BASES AND ON VESSELS AROUND THE WORLD

EDUCATION

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Juris Doctorate Degree, 1986.

University of Missouri, Columbia Missouri

Masters in Social Work Degree, Clinical Concentration in Family and Children. 1983.

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Concentration in Community Organization. 1978.

EXPERIENCE

SHE HAS BEEN A FELLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS (IAML) SINCE 1998. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (GENERAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE 4 – FAMILY LAW) AND (ARAB FORUM - BUSINESS SECTION).

SHE SERVED AS A LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE HAGUE IN NOVEMBER 1995 AND RETURNED AS A DELEGATE IN OCTOBER 1996 TO THE HAGUE CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR NEGOTIATION OF THE PROTECTION OF MINORS TREATY. SHE SERVED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS AT THE HAGUE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE TREATY ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CHILD TRAFFICKING. SHE HAS SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, AND DEFENSE ON ISSUES INVOLVING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND THE APPLICATION OF TREATY LAW.

SHE HAS SIX TIMES TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS THREE TIMES BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ONCE BEFORE BOTH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, AND THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

She is among the principal authors of the Sean and David Goldman International Parental Kidnapping Prevention and Recovery act , enacted in the 113^{TH} Congress and signed by the

PRESIDENT AUGUST 9, 2014. FOR THAT, AND HER BODY OF WORK IN PROTECTING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF MILITARY MEMBERS, SHE RECEIVED THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2015 GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AWARD, GIVEN IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 15, 2015.

SHE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED AMENDMENTS TO THE CUSTODY STATUTE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROTECT MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR THAT WORK SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION WITH THE 2010 DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AWARD AND THE SECOND ANNUAL MILITARY SUPPORT AWARD IN OCTOBER OF 2011.

Ms. Apy began in September of 2001 as the liaison from the Family Law Section to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military personnel and was appointed in August of 2005 to serve as a committee member. Prior to that she served as the Chair of the international Law and Procedure Committee of the Family Law Section of the ABA for over a decade. In 2003 she was appointed to serve on an ABA Presidential task Force addressing the legal needs of Service members .

Ms. Apy has participated in numerous reported decisions. Of note, she served as counsel for David Goldman, a New Jersey Father whose son was the first American child returned pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction from Brazil.

SHE ARGUED THE FIRST CASE IN THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSING THE 1996 HAGUE PROTECTION OF MINORS TREATY, *IVALDI V. IVALDI*, , IN A MATTER INVOLVING MOROCCO, BEFORE THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT IN DECEMBER 1996. SHE HAS ARGUED TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE HAGUE ABDUCTION CONVENTION NUMEROUS TIMES IN A NUMBER OF CIRCUITS. IN 2002 ON APPOINTMENT BY THE COURT, TO PREVAIL IN THE CASE OF *FAWCETT V MCROBERT*, REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE ABDUCTION CONVENTION TO RIGHTS OF ACCESS.

SHE RETURNED TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT IN COHEN V COHEN, SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTING A UNITED STATES MILITARY OFFICER, ADDRESSING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY ART.III COURTS OVER PETITIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF RIGHTS OF PARENTAL ACCESS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTIONS REMEDIES ACT, 42 USC 11601, ET SEQ. SHE PREVAILED IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE 8TH CIRCUIT IN THE CASE OF BARZILAY V. BARZILAY REGARDING THE EXERCISE OF CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AND THE DOCTRINE OF THE FEDERAL ABSTENTION DOCTRINE. MRS. APY REGULARLY PRACTICES IN THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS OF NEW JERSEY, THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO, DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, AND THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, AND EIGHTH CIRCUITS.

She serves as Guest faculty at the Judge Advocate General School of the Army – University of Virginia, the Naval Justice School, and the Air Force Judge Advocate General School of the United States on issues of Advanced Family Law, international Child Custody and Child Support Law and Procedures; Family care plans and Guardianship/estate planning issues. In the fall of 2013 she served as Guest Faculty at Oral Roberts University teaching "International Law & Peacemaking" in the Department of History and Government.

MS APY REGULARLY SERVES AS A SPEAKER AND CONTRIBUTOR ON INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW, HAVING MADE APPEARANCES ON NUMEROUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA INCLUDING: NIGHTLINE, CNN INTERNATIONAL, NBC NIGHTLY NEWS; ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT; THE TODAY SHOW; FOX NEWS; AS A COMMENTATOR ON LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL LAW ISSUES.

SECOND WORLD CONGRESS ON FAMILY LAW AND THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 1997, "USE OF HAGUE AND UN CONVENTION IN INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION"

"Hague Convention on Service of Process Abroad" – National Child Support Association, Phoenix, AZ

"Issues of Muslim Family Law" to the international Bar Association meeting in New Delhi, India , November of 1997

"Managing Litigation in Non-Hague Countries/Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children – International Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys, Washington, DC, 1997

"THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: BENEFITS TO AMERICAN CHILDREN, EFFECTS ON AMERICAN LAW" – GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 1998.

"Practices, Perspective, Response and Commentary to the use of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Family Litigation Involving American Children, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute, Dubai, United Arab Emirates September 1998.

International Bar Association Meeting : Arab Forum Program, "The Effects of Sanctions on Private International Law", Vancouver, BC, September 1998.

INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM: ABA FAMILY LAW SECTION, SPRING CLE MEETING ADDRESSING "INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW ISSUES OF LATIN AMERICA", APRIL 21-24, 1999, MIAMI, FL

MISSISSIPPI BAR ASSOCIATION, SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LAWYERS, "HAGUE CONVENTION AND UIFSA, CASE LAW REVIEW", SANDESTIN, FL, JULY 12-17, 1999

Ninos Primero 2000; second border initiative training conference, february 2^{ND} - 4^{TH} ,2000 Reviewing "recent cases and application of the uccja and uccjea in transborder litigation involving mexico and the united states."

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENTIAL SHOWCASE, ANNUAL MEETING JULY 2000; "RELIGION AND CHILD CUSTODY LITIGATION, PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE".

COMMITTEE CLE, INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM ABA FAMILY LAW SECTION, "HAGUE CONVENTION 2000", OCTOBER, 2000, TAMPA, FL

Training Conference – International Family Law Issues; United States Judge Advocate General's Corps., Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan, June 2000.

TRAINING CONFERENCE – INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW ISSUES, UNITED STATES JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS, RAF ALCONBURY, UNITED KINGDOM, FEBRUARY 2001.

MISSISSIPPI BAR, SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LAWYERS, FEDERAL LAW IMPACT ON STATE FAMILY LAW, SANDESTIN, FL, JULY 9-14,2001.

TRAINING CONFERENCE- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW ISSUES, NAVAL JUSTICE SCHOOL, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, AUGUST 2001.

NEW YORK, NY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES, "INTERNATIONAL MATRIMONIAL LITIGATION INVOLVING 'NON-HAGUE' JURISDICTIONS", OCTOBER 2001

SALISHAN, OREGON: OREGON SECTION OF FAMILY LAW; "OVERVIEW OF THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT" COMPREHENSIVE CASE LAW REVIEW AND ANALYSIS, NOVEMBER 2001."

TRAINING CONFERENCE- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW ISSUES, NAVAL COMMAND PACIFIC FLEET, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, JANUARY 2002.

University of Virginia: Judge Advocate General School-Army, Faculty Advanced Family Law Curriculum, 2002 to November 2012: Topics: Interstate and International Child Custody; Family Care Plans, Family Law SCRA and UIFSA.

NAVAL JUSTICE SCHOOL, FACULTY: ADVANCED FAMILY LAW CURRICULUM, JULY 2002 – SEPTEMBER 2012.

NAVAL JUSTICE SCHOOL, FACULTY: ESTATE PLANNING, FAMILY CARE PLANS AND GUARDIANSHIP SEPTEMBER 2006.

WASHINGTON, DC, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL MEETING, SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, PRESENTER, "INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN FAMILY LAW" AUGUST 2002.

TRAINING CONFERENCE-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY LITIGATION AND DRAFTING OF INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE UCCJEA AND UIFSA, FT.

Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, November 2002; November 2005.

Training on site- Interstate and International Child Custody disputes , Ramstein Air Force Base, June 19,2003.

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL SCHOOL-"FAMILY LAW CHALLENGES AND THE AIR FORCE" JULY 2003.

TRAINING CONFERENCE-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, JULY 2003.

Training on site: Mc Chord AFB, Washington, Bremerton Naval Station, Washington: "Family Law and Deployment" October 16^{th} and 17^{th} 2003.

TRAINING CONFERENCE-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERSTATE CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES, NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, CORONADO CA, NOVEMBER 13^{TH} AND 14^{TH} 2003.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MILITARY LAW COMMITTEE, FAMILY LAW AND THE MILITARY, JANUARY 2003, JANUARY 24, 2004; APRIL 30, 2005; APRIL 29,2006; APRIL 21,2007, APRIL 2009 TO 2011: OCTOBER 2012; OCTOBER 2013; OCTOBER 2014

SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FAMILY LAW SECTION MEETING: FAMILY LAW CLE PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL: INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL CHILD CUSTODY AND FAMILY CARE PLANS, APRIL 28^{TH} 2004.

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"Creating and Dissolving Families across Borders: How International Family Law affects your practice" Presentation on International Child Custody and Abduction: University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, OK October $15^{\text{th}}2004$;

Training Conference-American Bar Association Lamp Committee, family care plans, interstate and international child custody issues, Coast Guard Station: Yorktown, Virginia November 2004.

Training Conference-American Bar Association, Lamp Committee, Interstate and International Child Custody Issues, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Florida March 17^{th} 2005

TRAINING ON SITE: JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL CORPS: FT HOOD TEXAS, FAMILY LAW, LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERSTATE CUSTODY LITIGATION APRIL, 2005

San Diego California, American Bar Association Family Law Section Meeting: Family Law CLE Providing Legal Assistance to Military Personnel: Family Care Plans, custody and deployment, September 27^{TH} 2005.

TRAINING CONFERENCE-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, LAMP COMMITTEE, INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES; MARINE CORPS CAMP PENDLETON, CA MARCH 2006.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION MEETING: HAGUE CONVENTION AND UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, APRIL 2006.

Training Conference American Bar Association, Lamp Committee, "Good to Go" Family Law and Deployment Issues. Naval Justice School, Newport Rhode Island, July 2006; Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas, November 2006.

"Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act" American Bar Association , Family Law Section Meeting, presenter, Memphis Tennessee, October 2007.

Training Conference American Bar Association, Lamp Committee, Family care plans and deployment, scra, etc. United States Coast Guard Regional Headquarters, seattle, Washington, November 2007.

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, LAHORE PAKISTAN, APRIL 2009 INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, INTERNATIONAL COMITY AND THE RULE OF LAW

NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW: STATE OF THE FAMILY 2009, SECOND NATIONAL FAMILY LAW SYMPOSIUM, SEPTEMBER 2009, INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION DEVELOPMENTS IN ABDUCTION LITIGATION.

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JUDICIAL TRAINING LOUISIANA BAR ASSOCIATION: SPRING 2010, MILITARY LAW ISSUES, MILITARY CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES.

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VIRGINIA FAMILY LAW RETREAT : INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW FOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES SPRING 2011, TYSON'S CORNER VA.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION: INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE UCCJEA SPRING 2011.

GA BAR ASSOCIATION: FAMILY LAW SEMINAR: INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW, COMMENTARY ON THE HAGUE ABDUCTION CASE: GOLDMAN V. GOLDMAN AND RIBIERO. SPRING 2011.

PRESENTATION TO NJ LEGISLATURE AND STAFF: MARCH 2013 COMPARATIVE REVIEW NEW JERSEY SERVICE MEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT AND FEDERAL LAW

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